GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1385
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Flying Balloon on Border
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a flying balloon was spotted recently is Rajasthan along Indo-Pak border;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any investigation has been conducted by the Government in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR)

(a) & (b): On 26.1.2016, a balloon like object was detected flying in Indian airspace in Barmer District of Rajasthan which was intercepted and shot down by Indian Air Force aircraft.
(c) On retrieval of the balloon, it was found that it was a helium foil self-sealing balloon. No suspended / internal payload was found with the balloon.

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